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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner  
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5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am very much concerned about the use of antibiotics to make livestock grow faster. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture to be the principal cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria which is causing havoc and deaths in our population. The European Union as well as the World Health Organization are opposed to the use of antibiotics. America needs to stop dragging its feet and bowing to the growers desires. The health of our people is far more important!

I urge you to do all in your power to stop this practice before other diseases become untreatable. The present situation is serious enough and needs to be changed as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ruth T. Reynolds

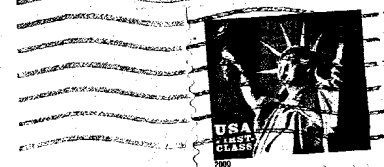
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